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SUBJ: SINGAPORE RECOGNITION OF PRC STILL DISTANT

1. STRAITS TIMES MARCH 28 CARRIED STORY BASED ON
INDONESIAN VICE PRESIDENT ADAM MALIK'S INTERVIEW WITH
FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN JAKARTA ON MARCH 27 IN WHICH
MALIK REPORTEDLY SAID THAT RESTORATION OF JAKARTA-
PEKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS "NOT TOO LONG OFF."
REPORTER, BILL CAMPBELL, ALSO QUOTED MALIK AS SAYING,
"MAYBE SINGAPORE SAYS 'WE WILL WAIT FOR INDONESIA,'
BUT I SAY NO. WE COME TOGETHER. I'M SURE IT WILL
COME TO THAT TOO."

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, MFA OFFICIALS HANDLING
RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, IMPLIED MALIK'S
COMMENTS WERE NOT BASED ON KNOWLEDGE OF SINGAPORE POLICY,
OR FOR THAT MATTER, ON FIRM INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT
POLICY EITHER. APPARENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT
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DISCUSSIONS IN MFA ON QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF PRC,
AND POLICY REMAINS, AS OFTEN STATED BY PRIME MINISTER
LEE KUAN YEW, THAT SINGAPOREAN RECOGNITION WILL
FOLLOW NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BY JAKARTA. MFA
OFFICIALS DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT RECOGNITION WOULD
NOT POSE PROBLEMS FOR GOS EITHER IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC
PUBLIC OPINION OR IN TERMS OF TAIWAN, AS THERE HAS

NEVER BEEN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF ROC. (GOS HAS
TRADE RELATIONS WITH BOTH PRC AND ROC.)
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